

# Iftekhar Amin CV

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### AREA OF EXPERTISE

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**Iftekhar Amin, Ph.D.** is a social gerontologist with expertise in inter-disciplinary research on aging, sustainable community building, and developing countries. Dr. Amin believes that the global aging is a demographic reality, and that we need rigorous research to better understand the broad social changes to close gaps in our knowledge and develop evidence-based programs and policies for older adults. His current projects include examining Medicaid client's transportation needs (funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, \$39,977), and evaluation of a mental health promotion program at UNT Dallas (funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$303,000). His work has appeared in peer reviewed journals including *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, *Educational Gerontology*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Journal of Family History*, and *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*. He is the elected Chair of Age Well Live Well (AWLW), a coalition led by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Prior to joining UNT Dallas, he served as Assistant Professor at University of Louisiana at Monroe, was the recipient of Endowed Professorship of Gerontology, and was appointed as a member of Louisiana Governor's Encore Commission. Courses that Dr. Amin teaches include Social Gerontology, Long-term Care Case Management for Elderly, Sociology of Mass Communication, Minority ageing, and Images of Aging in Films.

### EDUCATION

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| <b>Ph.D.</b> | 2008 | Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.  |
| <b>M.A.</b>  | 2001 | Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington,       |
| <b>M.A.</b>  | 1996 | Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh. |
| <b>B.S.</b>  | 1994 | Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.        |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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- Fall 2017-present      **Associate Professor (tenured)**, Department of Counseling and Human Services, University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.
- Fall 2010- 2017      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Counseling and Human Services, University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.
- Fall 2013- present      **Gerontology Certificate Coordinator**, Department of Counseling and Human Services, UNTD, Dallas, TX.
- Fall 2008-2010      **Assistant Professor** (tenure-track), Department of Gerontology and Sociology, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA.
- Fall 2008-2010      **Graduate Coordinator**, Gerontology Graduate Program, University of Louisiana at Monroe LA. Responsibilities: Implementation of graduate curriculum, advising, recruitment, retention, promotion & marketing of the program.
- Fall 2002 –2008      **Teaching Fellow**, Department of Sociology, and Department of Aging, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. Responsibilities: Instructor of record; taught graduate and undergraduate level courses.
- Fall 2001-2002      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
- Spring 1999-Fall 2001      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.

## **PUBLICATIONS** (Refereed Journal Articles)

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- Amin, I. (2017).** Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 32(2):191-207.
- Jesmin, S. S., & **Amin, I.** (2016). Mass media campaign to change social norms related to violence against women: Findings from a national survey. *Journal of Family Violence*. DOI: 10.1007/s10896-016-9837-8.
- Amin, I.** (2014). Social capital and sexual risk behaviors among older adults in the United States. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, doi: 10.1177/0733464814547048
- Amin, I.** & Ingman, S. (2014). Transnational caregiving: Eldercare among Bangladeshi immigrant families. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 29, 315-328.
- Ingman, S. & **Amin, I.** (2011). Introduction to the theme issue on Sustainable Senior Living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *Educational Gerontology*, 37, 441-449.
- Jesmin, S. S., **Amin, I.**, & Ingman, S. (2011). Sustainability of seniors in low- and middle-income societies. *Educational Gerontology*, 37(6), 548-557.
- Jesmin, S. S., **Amin, I.**, & Ingman, S. (2011). Aging and the caregiving crisis in low- and middle- income countries. *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, 25(3), 309-328.
- Ingman, S., **Amin, I.**, Clarke, E., & Brune, K. (2010). Education for an aging Planet. *Educational Gerontology*, 36(5), 394-406.
- Amin, I.** & Ingman, S. (2009). Retiring in a foreign land: how do the American retirees deal with healthcare issues in Mexico? *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 1(2):22-35.
- Seward, R. R., Yeatts, D., **Amin, I.** & DeWitt, A. (2006). Employment Leave and Fathers' Involvement with Children: According to Mothers and Fathers. *Men and Masculinities*, 8(4):405-427.
- Seward, R. R., Stivers, R. A., Igoe, D. G., **Amin, I.**, & Cosimo, D. (2005). Irish families in the twentieth century: exceptional or converging? *Journal of Family History*, 30(4), 410-430.
- Amin, I.** (2003). Sustainability of Involuntary Resettlement in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. *Sustainable Communities Review*, 6(1), 9-13.

### **(Manuscripts under Preparation)**

**Amin, I.** (2019). Eldercare in transnational settings: Global care chain and Mexican migrant women.

### **GRANTS & FUNDED PROJECTS**

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Evaluator	Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Prevention at UNT Dallas and Surrounding Communities. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). 2018-2021. (Funded). \$303,000.
Principle Investigator	Unmet Transportation Needs and the Barriers to Using the Medical Transportation Program: A Statewide Survey of Medicaid Recipients. Texas Health and Human Services Commission. 2018. (Funded). \$39,977.
Principle Investigator	Age Friendly Communities in Dallas: A Survey on Hispanic Population. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). 2016, (Funded), 5,000
Principal Investigator	Statewide Outreach Assessment and Survey of Low Income Medicare Recipients. Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). 2009. (Funded), \$30,000.
Co-PI/Evaluator	Evaluation of Chronic Disease Self-Management Program in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA). 2010, (Funded) \$50,000
Principal Investigator	Evaluation of training needs of GOEA's, AAA's, COA's, Senior Center, EPS offices, and ADRC. Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, June-July 2009, (Funded) \$16,000.
Principal Investigator	Evaluation of Adult Day Health Care Providers. Depart of Health and Hospitals (DHH). 2009 (Funded), \$20,000.
Endowed Professorship	Endowed Professorship in Gerontology, University of Louisiana, Monroe. 2008-2011 (Funded). \$21,900.

## **PROJECTS NOT FUNDED**

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- Co-Principal Investigator      Project ACCEL: Academic Certification and Competency for Employees in Louisiana: Educating our Future Professionals in Gerontology. US Department of Labor. (Not funded).
- Co-PI                                      Green Acres Healthy Bodies. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2009. (Not funded), \$49,999.
- Co-PI/Evaluator                      A Pilot Project to Increase Access to and Consumption of Locally Grown Fresh Vegetables and Fruits for Low-Income Families. 2009. US Department of Agriculture (USDA). (Not funded), \$299,800.
- Co-PI                                      Home Environmental Skill-Building Program for Dementia Family Caregivers in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA), 2009, (not funded) \$1,056,943.
- Principal Investigator              Review and approval of dementia curricula in long-term settings, Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), 2009 (not funded).
- Principal Investigator              Louisiana seniors for childhood immunization: a demonstration project, Living Well foundation, 2008, \$34,000 (Not funded).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2019    Jesmin S.S., Amin, I. Mental Health Challenges and Minority Serving College Campuses. Interdisciplinary Social Science Conference. Mexico City, Mexico, July 10-12.
- 2018    Amin, I. Providing Transnational Eldercare: Experiences of Mexican American Families Living in the U.S., European Conference on Psychological and Behavioral Sciences, Brighton, UK, July 3-4.
- 2017    Amin, I. Group Opportunity for Academic and Training Cooperation.

- Turrialba, Costa Rica, October 4-7, 2018.
- 2017 Amin, I. Socioeconomically disadvantaged older adults' challenges of aging well in Bangladesh. American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting. Montreal, Canada, Aug 12-15.
- 2016 Amin, I. Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, Aug 20-23. (Accepted)
- 2015 Amin, I. Social Changes and Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Florida, Nov 18-21.
- 2015 Amin, I. Older Women's Perceptions and Experiences of Abuse and Neglect in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Florida, Nov 18-21.
- 2015 Jesmin, S. S. & Amin, I. Media campaigns combating violence against women: Lessons and policy implications based on a nationally representative population. American Public Health Association (APHA), Chicago, Nov 2-4.
- 2015 Amin, I. Gaining strength from disaster: Building sustainable communities in disaster affected areas in Bangladesh. International Community Sustainability and Professional Exchange Forum, January 14-16, Denton, TX.
- 2014 Amin, I. Eldercare in transnational settings: Global care chain and Mexican migrant women. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Jesmin, S. S. & Amin, I. Social determinants of women's justification of wife beating: Implications for public health. American Public Health Association (APHA), New Orleans, LA. Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/142am/webprogram/Paper308209.html>
- 2013 Amin, I. Transnational Care: The Experience of Caregiving for Older Parents from a Foreign Land. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), New Orleans, LA, Nov 20-24.
- 2013 Amin, I., Jesmin, S., & Ingman, I. Caregiving Responsibilities at Old Age: A Qualitative Analysis of Women's Caregiving Experiences in Bangladesh. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), New Orleans, LA,

Nov 20-24.

- 2013 Amin, I., & Jesmin, S. "sexual risk-taking behaviors among older adults: Does higher social capital increase the likelihood of safer sex? American Public Health Association (APHA), Boston, MA. Nov 2-6.
- 2012 Communication Technology, International Migration and Impact on the Caregiving: Case Study Bangladesh. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, San Diego, CA. November 14-18.
- 2012 Are you crazy? Not in my lifetime: Attitude towards nursing homes among Bangladesh elders. With Jesmin, S. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, San Diego, CA. November 14-18.
- 2011 Retiring abroad, community development, social security, and care system. *International Symposium on Aging*, Istanbul, Turkey. March 18-22.
- 2011 Aging and informal caregiver family members in the nonwestern societies. *International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting*, Denton, Texas.
- 2011 International retirement communities in Mexico: Sustainability Issues. *Gerontological Society of America*, Boston, MA. November 11-15
- 2011 Growing old in low- and middle income societies: challenges and issues. *American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Las Vegas, Nevada. August 13-16.
- 2010 Sustainability of international retirement migration: to what extent American retirees' migration to foreign countries is sustainable? *American Sociological Association (ASA)* annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 International retirement migration: sustainability issues. *Southwestern Social Science Association (SSA)* Annual meeting in Houston March 31-April 4.
- 2010 Building a sustainable senior living community. *Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA)* Annual meeting in Houston March 31-April 4.
- 2010 Global aging and retirement migration: US retirees in Mexico. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) annual meeting and educational leadership conference, Reno, Nevada, March 4-7.

- 2009 Health services utilization of South Asian elderly population. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, November 17-21.
- 2009 International retirement migration, MidSouth Sociological Association (MSSA), Lafayette, LA, Nov 4-7.
- 2009 Long-Term Care in US, Mexico and China: A Cross-Cultural Study, Louisiana Geriatric Society (LGS) Mid-Year Conference, June 6, Monroe, Louisiana.
- 2009 The Role of Microcredit in Reducing Ecological Crisis. World Without Poverty Retreat, January 12, 2009, Lawton, Oklahoma.
- 2009 Aging in Mexico, with S. Ingman, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) 35th Annual Meeting, March 26, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2009 "Long-term care and south Asian elders in the United States." Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, November 17-21.
- 2008 International Retirement Migration, with S. Ingman, Bi-national Meeting on Gerontology, Jalisco, Mexico, August 8, 2008,
- 2007 Retiring in a foreign land: Health care issues of U.S. retirees in Mexico, Aging and Retiring in Mexico Research Forum. October 22, 2007, UNT, Denton, Texas.
- 2007 Does Internet Use Improve Quality of Life of the Elderly? Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2005 Does attitude to protect environment vary by race in the United States? Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Ontario, Canada.
- 2004 Environmental Awareness and Social Stratification in the United States, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 2004 What Parents Report about their Children, Family, and Work: Results from the 1989, 1994, and 2003 Denton Surveys. Twelfth Annual Conference on parent Education, Dallas, TX, February 19-21.



- 2004 Inequality of Internet Use and Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants. American Sociological Association Graduate Student Refereed Roundtables, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants of Inequality of Internet Use, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Meeting, San Antonio, TX. April 16– 19.
- 2002 Sustainability of Involuntary Resettlement in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. Conference on Sustainable Tourism, Manzanillo, Mexico.

### **Sessions Chaired**

- 2017 Collaborating with Community. FWOP International Conference, Costa Rica, October 4-7.
- 2016 FWOP Sustainability & Poverty Reduction International Conference, Denton, TX, April 21-23.
- 2009 International Conference on Parenting, Denton, TX, February 11-13.
- 2003 Small Business/Clean Business Creation @ Building Sustainable Communities in Mexico & Texas, Denton, Texas, Jan 8-11.

### **EVLUATION REPORTS**

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- 2017 "Age-friendly Hispanic Communities in Dallas." Submitted to Area Agency of Retired Persons (AARP). 29 Pages.
2009. "Evaluation of Training Needs across the Aging Services Network and Training Recommendations." Submitted to Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, Louisiana. 7 pages.
2003. "State of Texas Senior Housing Assessment: Key informant survey. Prepared for Texas Department on Aging, and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs." With Ingman, S. 26 pages.

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

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2009-11 Endowed Professor of Gerontology, ULM

- 2004 Recipient, Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
- 2004 President & Webmaster, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, UNT
- 2003 General Secretary/Webmaster, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society.

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2016-present Chair, Age Well Live Well (AWLW) coalition
- 2016-present Member, Dallas Area Gerontological Society (DAGS)
- 2011-present Member, Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
- 2010-11 Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2010-11 Member, Southwestern Sociological Association
- 2009-10 Commission Member, Encore Louisiana Commission
- 2009 Member, Communities Acting to Benefit Louisiana’s Elderly
- 2009 Member, Gerontological Society of America
- 2009 Member, Midsouth Sociological Association
- 2008-2010 Chapter Advisor, Sigma Phi Omega (Gamma Gamma) at ULM
- 2007-present Board Member, Future Without Poverty.
- 2007- present Executive Committee Member, SpaandanB-NT.
- 2008-present Board of Director, Future Focus Community.
- 2008 Member, College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, ULM
- 2007 Member, Advisory Council, Asset Building Coalition of Dallas.
- 2006-present Board Member, Denton Sustainable living Council, Texas.
- 2003 Volunteer, Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Member**

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Precious Osuoha, “Let’s culturally speak on dementia: The benefits of caring for a family member with dementia and how occupational therapists can help improve and maintain caregiver’s positive feelings towards caregiving”. Doctoral Student, Texas Woman’s University, TX

Patty Parker      Dissertation topic to be determined Applied Gerontology  
Doctoral Student, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Frances Rizo      Evidence based programs, Chronic Disease Self-management,  
Applied Gerontology Doctoral Student, UNT, Denton, TX

### **MASTERS THESES COMMITTEE CHAIR at University of Louisiana at Monroe**

2009 Madison, Susan      Green building: Senior's  
2009 Graham,              Pet therapy and dementia  
2009 Roy, Deboshree      Encore college: education and  
2010 Jessica Boodie  
2010 Joseph Hicks

### **EDITORIAL REVIEWER**

2016-present      Associate Editor, Sustainable Communities Review  
2012, 2014      Conference abstracts for Gerontological Society of America  
2014              Conference abstracts for American Public Health Association  
2016              NextGen Application Reviewer for the National Nonprofit Alliance  
2012              Abstract Reviewer, International Sociological Association  
2010              Co-Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Educational Gerontology*

### **SKILLS:**

Web Technology, ArcView GIS, and Database Management

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### ***Courses taught at UNTD (Fall 2010 to present)***

Undergraduate level: Sexuality in Aging, Aging Programs and Services for Elderly,  
Human Services in Non-Profits, Aging in Films and Media,  
Sociology of Mass Communication, Introduction to Sociology,  
Minority Aging, Sociology of Aging, Long-Term Case Management  
for Elderly.

#### ***Courses taught at ULM (Fall 2008 to Spring 2010)***

Undergraduate level: Perspectives of Aging, Economics of Aging  
Graduate: Social Gerontology, Minority Aging, Public Policy, Economics of Aging

#### ***Courses taught at UNT (Fall 2002-Summer 2008)***

Undergraduate level: Introduction to Sociology, World Population, Environment and Society, Minority Aging, Cultural Context of Aging, Individuals in Society, Quantitative Methods in Social Research, Race and Ethnic Minorities.

Graduate: Micro-finance in Developing Nations

## **SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

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**Chair, Age Well Live Well (AWLW), Dallas:** Elected Co-Chair of Age Well Live Well (AWLW), a coalition led by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

**Independent Transportation Network to Dallas:** Serves on the Advisory Board

**Age Friendly Communities Stakeholder:** Serves on the Advisory Board

**My Ride Coalition, Dallas:** Serves as Member

**USDA Southwest Regional Office:** Worked with USDA southwest regional office to host a summer feeding program for k-12 kids, educational programs and experiential learning opportunities for UNT Dallas students

**AARP:** Worked with AARP to conduct supplementary surveys within the Hispanic Latino community to ensure inclusiveness in Dallas Age-Friendly Communities initiative.

**Grace Presbyterian Village:** Created service learning and internship opportunities for UNT Dallas students.

**Future Without Poverty (FWOP):** Board Member, and Faculty advisor, FWOP UNT Dallas Student chapter.

**City of Dallas Senior Service Commission:** Worked with several members on elderly issues.

**Dallas Area Agency on Aging and Community Council of Greater Dallas:** Hosted several training programs at UNT Dallas to train students and community members on Fall Prevention and Chronic Disease Self-Management.

**Dallas Area Gerontology Society (DAGS):** Worked with DAGS to create scholarship opportunities for UNT Dallas Applied Gerontology Students.

### **INVITED SPEAKER/TRAINER**

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2017 Invited Speaker, Images of aging in media. Dallas Area Gerontological Society. August 17.

2017 Invited Speaker, Programs and services for older adults in Dallas. Significant Seniors Health Fair, January 28.

2016 Trainer, Fall Prevention & Chronic Disease Self-Management, UNT Dallas, June 7-July 12

2016 Invited Presenter, Successful aging. Age Well Live Well, Dallas.

2016 Invited Discussant, FWOP Sustainability and Poverty Reduction International Conference, April 21- 23, 2016, Denton, TX.

2014 Interviewed by Dallas Morning News.  
<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20140214-the-sex-lives-of-seniors.ece>

2013 Invited by National University Commission, Nigeria. In a two-week workshop to train academic staff and Nigerian University faculty members for the UNT Specialist Ageing Certificate in Applied Gerontology. July, 2013

2013 Invited Speaker at Grand Round UNT Health Science Center, October 30

2013 Invited Speaker Educator's Forum UNT Health Science Center, October 30

2011 Invited Speaker at *International Symposium on Aging*, Istanbul, Turkey. Topic: "Retiring abroad, community development, social security, and care system."

## **SELECTED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY**

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Vice-President, Faculty Alliance Committee, 2017-present

Member, Academic Council, 2017-present

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2017-18

Member, Counseling & Human Services Lecturer Search Committee

Member, Strategic Committee: People & Groups, 2016, 2017

Member, Strategic Committee: Active Learning, 2016, 2017

Member, CDFS lecturer search committee, 2017

Member, Curriculum committee, 2012

Member, Assessment Council, 2012, 2013

Member, Distance Learning Advisory Council, 2012, 2013, 2014

Member, Academic Affairs Committee 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015

Member, Study Abroad AD HOC Committee, 2013

Member, Civic Engagement through Service Learning Steering Committee, 2011

Member, Lecturer of Human Services search committee, 2013, 2014

## **CITED BY OTHERS**

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Some of my works have been widely cited and have led to publications by scholars across the globe. Please see the google citation link below:

[https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=qtNOGxoAAAAJ&sortby=pubdate&view\\_op=list\\_works](https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=qtNOGxoAAAAJ&sortby=pubdate&view_op=list_works)